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Remains of Kentucky Soldier Missing from the Korean War Identified

*Corporal Lloyd D. Stidham, of Beattyville, Kentucky
to be Buried April 13 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville*

(FRANKFORT, April 3, 2009) – A Beattyville, Kentucky, man is one of four U.S. service members, missing from the Korean War, whose remains have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are Cpl. Lloyd D. Stidham, of Beattyville, Ky.; Cpl. Samuel C. Harris Jr., of Rogersville, Tenn; Cpl. Robert G. Schoening, of Blaine, Wash; and one service member whose name is being withheld pending a briefing to his family. All were members of the U.S. Army. Harris will be buried April 10 in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. and Schoening will be buried June 19 in Arlington.

Corporal Stidham will be buried April 13 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville. The ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. EDT.

“We are glad to have Corporal Stidham home at last,” said Ken Lucas, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. “His family has our deepest condolences.”

Representatives from the Army's Mortuary Office met with these service members' next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

These soldiers were assigned to Company C, 65th Combat Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. On Nov. 25, 1950, Company C came under intense enemy attack when it was occupying a position near Hill 222 situated south of the Kuryong River east of the "Camel's Head" bend, North Korea. They were reported missing in action on Nov. 27.

In 2000, a joint U.S./Democratic People's Republic of Korea team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a site overlooking the Kuryong River in P'yongan-Pukto Province where U.S. soldiers were believed to be buried. The team recovered human remains and non-biological evidence. One soldier who was also recovered there with this group, 1st Lt. Dixie Parker, was previously identified and buried in December 2007 in Arlington.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of these soldiers' remains. Remains that could not be individually identified will be buried as a group in Arlington on a date to be determined.

KDVA works with the U.S. Department of Defense to find family members of Kentuckians missing in the Korean War in an effort to obtain DNA samples that will be very helpful in identifying remains as they are found and returned to the US. For more information, go to <http://veterans.ky.gov/programs/koreandna.htm>.